

Laying of Telephone Lines

2024. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for laying telephone lines in Bihar during the current year;

(b) the number of lines laid so far;

(c) the names of the Telecommunications circles which are lagging behind the target and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the annual target of telephone lines?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The target fixed for laying of telephone lines (providing telephone connections) during the current year in Bihar Telecom Circle is 47,000.

(b) The number of telephone lines provided during the period April 96 to January, 1997 is 25,094.

(c) and (d) Necessary equipments and funds for

providing telephone lines have been allotted by the Government to all the Telecom Circles and the equipments have started reaching the sites. It is expected that the target set for 96-97 would be met.

[English]

Metropolitan Transport Projects

2025. SHRI SYDAIAH KOTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of metropolitan transport projects (MTPs) under construction by the Railways;

(b) the details of projects which are proposed to be started; and

(c) the estimated cost likely to be incurred on these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (c) The following MTP projects are under construction by the Railways. The sanction/estimated cost of the project is shown of against each:

S.No.	Name of Work/Projects	Sanctioned/estimated cost (Rupees in crores)
1	2	3
	Calcutta	
1.	Design & construction Dum Dum-Tollygan (16.45 km.)	1640.00
2.	Circular Railway Calcutta	35.49
	Mumbai	
3.	Additional pair of lines between Bandra-Andheri (7.20 km)	111.57
4.	Extension of railway lines from Mankhurd-Belapur with a bridge across Thane Creek and ancillary facilities on Harbour branch (17.98 km)	440.87 (145.48 Rly 295.39 CIDCO)
5.	Thane-Turbhe-Nerul-Vashi part of corridor no.2 in Mumbai (19.0 km)	403.39 (131.47 Rly 271.92 CIDCO)
6.	Belapur-Panvel doubling of commuter line (10.9 km)	279.83 (92.34 Rly 187.49 CIDCO)
7.	Kurla-Thane 5th & 6th line (phase I) (10.0 km)	49.84